

COLONIAL CLUB

Spring Newsletter



May 2017

A Letter from the President of the Graduate Board

Fellow Members,

It is my great privilege to write to you as the new President of the Graduate Board. I am truly honored to serve in this role. I owe an enormous debt of gratitude



to former President Joe Studholme, Vice President David Genetti, my fellow Graduate Board members, Kathleen, Gil, the club staff, and all of the undergraduate members for their incredible support and guidance during this process. In many ways, they have made this transition easy. As noted in the last newsletter, though the

open club system continues to face challenges, Colonial is doing remarkably well.

In February, we welcomed 97 new members from the Class of 2019 and 5 from the Class of 2018. Building on the recruiting successes of prior years, the Club has 121 undergraduate members. By creating a home away from home, our undergraduate officers and members nurture and maintain Colonial's open and inclusive club experience. Our new members' enthusiasm is energizing for a Club that is over 125 years old! They keep the institution young and thriving.

The continued vitality of Colonial, however, depends on all of its members, past and present. As alumni, we must remain engaged and participate in the ongoing story of Colonial to ensure the future of our Club. Having met generations of Colonial alumni, I have heard incredible, and often-times humorous, stories about their time in the Club. Alumni especially express their sincere appreciation for the lifelong friendships and relationships formed at Colonial. As Joe always says, we are bound together by genuine ties of friendship. This is our story and the example we must

continue to set for students and the University—that Colonial creates a community central to the Princeton experience.

Accordingly, increasing opportunities for alumni participation will enrich the Colonial community. Moving forward, we will feature interviews with alumni in our newsletters, ask alumni to share stories and photos from their time in the Club, host more regional alumni events to stay connected, and, as always, extend an open-invitation for alumni to have a meal with current students. We ask for your support to sustain the spirit, history, and tradition of Colonial for future generations.

Yours sincerely ,

Angelica Pedraza '12
President, Graduate Board of Directors,

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Undergraduate President's Address

Dear Colonial Members and Alumni,

It's my great pleasure to be serving as Colonial's undergraduate president this year! My name is Matthew Lucas. I was born and raised in Los Angeles, California but came to Princeton for the beautiful weather.

I'm a member of the class of 2018, pursuing a degree in Economics and a Certificate in Chinese



Language and Culture. Fun fact: my grandfather is also a Princetonian (class of 1950) and was the president of Tower Club during his senior year.

I'm happy to report that Colonial Club is alive and well, and enjoying an upward surge in membership this year. Building on and exceeding last

year's momentum, we had over 100 new members join us this spring, including 97 sophomores (Class of 2019) and a handful of juniors. The new membership class has brought a lot of fresh, fun energy to the club. I am particularly proud of our new officer corps – they are one of the strongest and most diverse groups in recent memory, and they've been great for the club so far.

Our new social chair, Agustina de la Fuente, has been very busy spicing up our social calendar for the semester; we are working on strengthening our showing on Friday nights with a variety of exciting themes, including Fat Friday, a pre-Mardi Gras party; Colo-sseum, a Greco-Roman bash complete with togas, laurels, and political intrigue; and a 70s throwback party. We have also had several exciting semiformals, including a wintry Enchanted Forest to welcome our new members, and an Under the Stars night featuring atmospheric music and a planetarium. Our spring Houseparties theme is "Under the C", a watery tropical party with some great entertainment, and our Lawnparties act is R. City, a hip hop / R&B duo from the U.S. Virgin Islands who had a hit single last year, "Locked Away" featuring Adam Levine.

On the community engagement front, Colonial is continuing our partnership of the past several years with the Princeton Blairstown Center, which we visited with a group of members in April. Our spring talent show raised over \$800 dollars for HomeFront NJ. We have also continued to be a leader on the street in educational programming for our members—we expanded our regular language tables this semester (they now include Chinese, Spanish, French, Japanese, and German), and had several professors visit us as part of our ongoing dinner talks series.

Lastly, I would like to encourage any of you who are looking to hire some of Princeton's best and brightest undergraduates to email us job postings for Colonial members (either full-time positions or internships)! You can send them to me at mb Lucas@princeton.edu, and I will make sure they are posted to our email list and on our bulletin board when we return to campus in the fall.

With much Colonial love,



Matthew B. Lucas '18
Undergraduate President

Graduate Board of Governors

Angelica Pedraza '12 - President
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Colonial Club 125th Anniversary Celebrations

Washington, D.C. November 17, 2016



San Francisco, CA April 20, 2017



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When Gentlemen Disagreed: the Colonial Revolt of 1967

by Julian Dean '13

It is widely known that the culture of our club changed a lot in the 1960s. In many ways the graduating seniors of the Class of 1960 would have barely recognized the club that their successors joined a decade later. By the Fall of 1967 it was clear that there were social tensions in Colonial Club: alumni against members, club against university, and to some extent club against club. The University has been trying to control the clubs since day one of their existence, and after the University tried to impose a "Gentlemen's Agreement" on the membership in 1967, a membership revolt broke out that led to the purging of dissident members by the Graduate Board. The overturning of these expulsions set the stage for the reformist years to come.

A cyclical fact of social life at our alma mater has been an administrative opposition to the Eating Clubs and an attempt for the administration to re-control social life at Princeton. There is always some kind of clash between the eating clubs the University. Although later administrations have been less hostile than Wilson's was, regularly the University will launch some initiative to reduce the influence of the clubs, with limited success, and then try again a decade later. As this cycle came around again the 1960s, the University tried to impose a "Gentlemen's Agreement" (GA) on the clubs. In essence, the agreement would grant conditional autonomy to the eating club leadership, on the basis that they required members to agree to a set of behavioral restrictions. This agreement was largely uniform across the clubs and its title echoed earlier agreements, notably one from the prohibition-era 1920s with similar language.

On the surface, the new Agreement was relatively benign, but it was the principle that was objectionable. Among others, there were restrictions on parking, alcohol consumption and parties, and women in the building. If all club members would not agree to these conditions, then the University threatened to supervise all Club parties. Not only was this an attempt to reduce club autonomy, a central principle of Princeton social life since the 19th Century, but also in its very language and stipulations the Agreement sought to define an austere traditional "gentleman" as the normative club member, just as there was pressure and desire within Colonial to become less formal, more inclusive, and less traditional.

In response, there was a revolt from within. Our club was less bureaucratized then; there was more emphasis on internal democracy and member participation in governance. And so in the Fall of 1967, the members, who true to the zeitgeist were more progressive than the alumni and the Board, vowed to reject these old-fashioned regulations. In response, Colonial's governing board and the alumni leadership, in cahoots with the University, tried to stamp out the rebellion. Initially, about a fifth of the membership refused to sign the Agreement.² A number of the students were martyred: the board suspended the membership of seniors Christophe Agnew '68, Robert L. Meister '68, Daniel H Sanders Jr '68, and juniors Vincent L. Gregory III '69 and Harvey S. Waxman '69.³ Seniors David J. McDowell '68 and Peter E. Pope '68 voluntarily resigned their Club Membership in protest.⁴

A number of members of the club drafted a resolution that the broader membership agreed to present to the Board. It stated:

A Timeline

September 1967: At the beginning of the new school year, the Graduate Board presents the membership with the University's Gentleman's Agreement, and requires members to sign the agreement in addition to their membership agreement for the 1967-1968 school year.¹²

September 29, 1967: By the end of September, one fifth of the membership has refused to sign the Agreement.

October 2, 1967: Five dissenting undergraduates are purged from the membership rolls and two resign in protest.¹³

October 4, 1967: The Board relaxes the GA signing requirement.¹⁴

October 6, 1967: the University expresses its disapproval of the Colonial Board's leniency.¹⁵

October 17, 1967: The University decides to take "no [immediate] punitive action against Colonial Club."¹⁶

October 20, 1967: Club membership presents its resolution categorically opposing the GA to the Graduate Board.

October 30, 1967: The Grad board presents an ultimatum to the dissident undergraduates.¹⁷

November 1-6, 1967: Twenty high-profile club members threaten to resign their membership if the Club does not reform itself, including by removing selective Bicker that winter.¹⁸

November 30, 1967: Colonial decides to keep Bicker. Thirteen members resign, with more resignations expected by club President Philip L. Webster '68.¹⁹



The 1967 dissidents today. From left to right, top to bottom: Cristophe Agnew '68,⁵ Robert L. Meister '68,⁶ Harvey S. Waxman '69,⁷ David J McDowell '68,⁸ Peter Pope '68.⁹



"The present undergraduate members of Colonial Club fully understand and accept their responsibility to "conduct themselves in a manner becoming scholars and gentlemen" as set forth in the general regulations of the University. We consider our entrance into Princeton University as our affirmation of the responsibility which we also understand to extend to all aspects of our undergraduate life. As gentlemen then, we feel we have a personal obligation to conduct ourselves properly, which obviates the necessity of having to sign the

*present Gentleman's Agreement. We have no quarrel with this document, but as gentlemen we feel that our signatures on it are not necessary to insure decorum during club activities. **We feel that is an important part of our responsibility as gentlemen to formulate our own house rules and to abide by them on the basis of our club membership, our obligations to the University and our individual consciences.** We would therefore prefer in the future to be governed by our own house rules. We understand these to be those regulations formulated through the mechanisms provided in the constitution of Colonial Club.*

"In suggesting the above we hope only to implement what has always been the full obligation of the Princeton undergraduate. We do not wish to sever our ties with the University or any graduate or undergraduate bodies, but rather to bring this matter to the attention of all parties concerned with club life. It is our hope that some alternative to the present system may then-be worked out and a new system, more satisfactory to all parties, be put into effect."¹⁰ (Emphasis added.)

The Board considered the resolution and had to realize that the majority of the Club membership was in opposition to its purges and the Gentleman's Agreement. The Board gradually let members only sign the club's membership agreement, but not the University's, but while not relenting in its hostility to the dissenters. This established essentially the system in place today; membership is contractual with conditions and obligations that are set by the Club on its own terms without direct University involvement.¹¹ The University was opposed to Colonial but did not make another move. Colonial had, in essence, called the University's bluff. Importantly, the autonomy that the club claimed set the stage for its assertive moves on enmembership and gender in the following years.¹ Lasting about two months in total, this controversy was over more quickly than it might have been, as there were other issues that would quickly overtake opposition to University oversight as a rallying cry among undergraduate members. By November, there were larger issues at hand, like whether the club should end selective enmembership that winter. That year, it did not.

That fall, approximately thirteen members resigned, but up to twenty had publicly threatened resignation over a variety of that semester's controversies. This was both a conservative and a liberal moment in our history. For one, these revolts were a democratic movement that called for club autonomy and decentralized administration of social life at the University. But the rebellion also called for a continuation of tradition. For protecting our club's integrity, even against the wishes of the alumni leadership, we and our successors should applaud those who followed their consciences and risked their place in our community for it.

Notes and References can be found online at <http://bit.ly/2pYbbLX>

Alumni and Club News



Eric Schmidt, a member of the Class of 1976, and Colonial Club alumnus, received the Woodrow Wilson Award and delivered an address on campus during Alumni Day activities on Saturday, Feb. 25.

The University bestows the Woodrow Wilson Award annually upon an undergraduate alumnus or alumna whose career embodies the call to duty in Wilson's speech, "Princeton in the Nation's Service." A Princeton graduate and faculty member, Wilson served as president of the University, governor of New Jersey and president of the United States.

In Their Own Words

"Definitely focus on maintaining and improving the Club. It represents a very important aspect of the University." -**Lawrence W. Leighton '56**

"Invite my daughter, Elaine (Class of 2019), to some activities at Colonial Club." -**Patrick Romano '79**

"This summer my father and I will be celebrating our respective birthdays (40 and 70) on a two week horseback expedition in the Western Canadian Rockies." -**Ryan Sawchuk '00**

"Ms. Galante, enjoyed our chat. You got right down, efficiently and effectively, to business. The Club management is definitely in good hands." -**D.D. Yost, '54**

"Maureen and I greatly enjoyed the reception at the Columbia Fire Hall. All of us there saluting Colonial's 125th year, had a good time. Thank you for organizing the event. We were glad to hear Angelica talk and to meet the student officers, Likith and Toan. Your mission was accomplished. The snacks were good. Most important, we all had a fun time." -**Charles Greenleaf '63**



Ramsay Vehslage Investment Club

Colonial Investments is a student-led investment group that actively manages over \$100K worth of assets on behalf of Colonial through a diversified portfolio driven by fundamental research. The team divides its work among financial sectors. In addition to providing returns for Colonial, the group serves as an educational platform for its members to learn more about the financial world. Here are the members at their most recent Grad Board meeting. After a review of the current positions, each team formally presents their new stock ideas to the Grad Board and other club members.

If you would like to learn more or get involved with the Investments Club, please contact David Genetti '98 at dgenetti@alumni.princeton.edu

Salutatorian

We are pleased to announce that Grant Storey '17, a member of our Colonial family, was named Salutatorian of the Class of 2017.



Grant is a senior Computer Science major from Berkeley, California. He has done research into advertising security and privacy as well as applying computational techniques to analyze ancient Latin and Greek texts. He will continue combining computer science and classics next year at Cornell as he pursues a Masters in Computer Science. He is also Colonial's 2017 Club Fool (his proudest achievement).

Congratulations, Grant! We are so proud of you and wish you continued success!

Give to Colonial!

Colonial has continued to thrive over the years thanks to the generous support of our alumni! Please continue to support your club with your dues payments and thoughtful donations to the club.

Dues

The Dues Structure is now \$25.00 for all those who graduated within the last ten years and \$50.00 for all those who graduated eleven plus years ago. Paying your dues provides admission to all alumni events at Colonial, including meals at Reunions and Homecoming. Dues may be paid at the door, at any event or online. Non dues payers may be asked to pay their dues before visiting for a Club event. If dues are not paid, the member and his/her guests/family members will be charged an event fee. Guests and family members of dues-paying alumni are always welcome. We look forward to seeing you!

Annual Giving

Now, more than ever before, Colonial Club needs your support. We need your help to sustain our wonderful reputation on the Street and to offer our current student officers the marketing tools necessary to continue our great traditions and increase membership. Please make your unrestricted gift today!

You can donate a tax-deductible gift to the PPF/Colonial Account to support our educational spaces or you can donate a gift directly to The Colonial Club for its immediate use toward the general upkeep and ongoing maintenance of the Club. The "Pay Club Dues" tab on our website will guide you. You can also email, call or use the envelope provided. Colonial Club thanks you for your generosity and support to the club!

Job Board

Colonial Club offers a job board to our members to help secure internships and career opportunities.

Please contact our
Club Manager, Kathleen Galante,
manager@colonialclub.com,
to add your company and available
positions to our ongoing Job Board.

Reunions 2017

Friday, 6/2 - Sunday, 6/4

"GOING BACK...GOING BACK...
GOING BACK TO...COLONIAL CLUB!"

Friday, June 2

10:00 pm - 3:00 am

TAP ROOM IS OPEN

Saturday, June 3

10:30 am - 1:30 pm

Milk Punch Brunch ...you know you love it!

2:00 pm

P-Rade

3:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Smokin' BBQ Feast...After the P-Rade

10:00 pm - 3:00 am

TAP ROOM IS OPEN

Sunday, June 4: 10:00am - 12:30 pm

Homeward Bound Brunch Buffet

Stay Connected

Be sure to update your contact information at www.colonialclub.com so that you may continue to receive news from the club.

Keep us updated on your life and we may post it in the next newsletter! Send your life news and celebrations to manager@colonialclub.com.

In Memoriam

We honor those who recently passed...

James B. Rains '47

Sept 25, 2016

Mr. William A. Parker '53

Nov 30, 2016

Mr. C. Scott Bartlett, Jr. '55

Jan 15, 2017

Obituaries

Obituaries excerpted from the Princeton Alumni Weekly

Gordon Beaham III '53

Gordon died peacefully Sept. 18, 2016, in Kansas City, where he was born. He came to Princeton from Pembroke Country Day School and majored in basic engineering. He was a member of the swimming team and the advertising forum and joined Colonial Club.

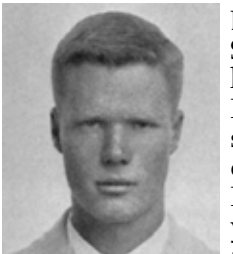


Gordon earned an MBA from Harvard Business School and returned to Kansas City to begin a career with

Procter & Gamble. Moving to Faultless Starch, the family business, Gordon became chairman of the board and CEO.

Charles Cromwell '54

Charlie died Oct. 20, 2016, of congestive heart failure, surrounded by his family.



Born in Baltimore, he attended Gilman School. A member of Colonial Club, he majored in basic engineering. He entered the Navy during his senior year and served as an aviation cadet and airman. He returned to Princeton and completed his last year and earned a master's degree in aeronautical engineering.

His career focused on aeronautics and the defense industry and included service during the 1960s and 1970s for the Navy Bureau of Weapons, the Senate Permanent Investigations Committee, and the Senate Armed Forces Service Committee.

Arch B. Edwards '58

Arch died May 7, 2016, in Roanoke, Va., of Alzheimer's disease.

He graduated summa cum laude in English, was elected to Phi Beta Kappa, and won the senior English prize for his thesis on Mark Twain. He served on the Undergraduate Council, was secretary-treasurer of Colonial Club, and chaired the campus fund drive.



After graduating with distinction from Harvard Business School in 1962, he began a management-consulting career with McKinsey & Co. He was named a partner

and then elected director in the Washington office with responsibility for health-care clients.

John T. Pierson Jr '53

Jack died May 22, 2016.

At Princeton, Jack belonged to Colonial Club, served on the advertising staff of the *Bric-a-Brac* his junior year, and played L.A.A. football, basketball, and baseball.

He served in Naval Intelligence at the Pentagon, after graduating from Officer Candidate School in the top 2 percent of his class. He was the third person in the



history of the school to achieve a perfect score on the navigation exam. After his naval service, he earned his MBA from Harvard in 1958.

In 1976, he bought Preco Industries, a designer and manufacturer of high-speed automated processing systems and laser technology and remained chairman of the board of Preco until his death.

Daniel H. Ridder '43

Dan died Oct. 13, 2016, in Hobe Sound, Fla., after a distinguished career in the publishing business.

At Princeton Dan majored in history. He also served on the board of *The Daily Princetonian* and was a member of Colonial Club.



Upon graduation, Dan served in the Navy and took part in the Normandy invasion. After discharge, he began his publishing career at the *New York Journal of Commerce*. The majority of his career was spent as publisher and editor of the *Long Beach (Calif.) Press-Telegram*.

Dan was a director of the Associated Press and served on its board for nine years. Ronald Reagan appointed him to the Board of Trustees of the California State College System.

Margaret Cannella '73

Margaret Cannella died November 24, 2016, at the age of 64, of vascular cancer.



Margaret was born February 5, 1952 and grew up in Queens, New York. At Princeton, she majored in East Asian Studies, studying eleventh century Japanese and was an officer of Colonial Club.

Margaret received an M.B.A. from Columbia Business School, beginning a long and successful career in financial services. Margaret was a pioneering woman on Wall Street, retiring in 2009, as head of U.S. Equity and Global Credit Research at JPMorgan Chase, after an award-winning career as a fixed income analyst. In her retirement, Margaret served on the boards of several companies, and devoted her time to causes about which she cared, including serving on the board of Vitas, an internationally-focused microfinance bank. Margaret was a dedicated and proud alumna of Princeton. She served on the board of Colonial Club and was an interviewer for the Alumni Schools Committee and served for many years as the President of the Princeton Club of Northwestern New Jersey. Margaret's dedication and time given to the Club will always be appreciated. Her love of Colonial lives forever and Margaret will be remembered fondly.